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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AVIATION SECURITY

REF: (A) STATE 71853; (B) ASUNCION 1514

1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL (B), UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DELIVERED OUR AIDE MEMOIRE (DRAWN FROM STATE 65557) TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER WHO HAS DIRECTED THAT IMPROVED AIRPORT SECURITY AT ASUNCION IS TO BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS ALSO HAVE DISCUSSED THE AIRPORT SITUATION WITH THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR (APRIL 26) AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE (MAY 2). LATTER WILL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY XBR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE AIRPORT SECURITY SITUATION.

3. PURSUANT TO PARA 4 REFTEL (A), THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE SAMANIENGO THAT THE USG IS READY TO PROVIDE A TDY VISIT BY A US EXPERT IN AIRPORT SECURITY. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT SINCE PRESIDENT STROESSNER HAS JUST NAMED A NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ASUNCION AIRPORT, AND THE TERMINAL BUILDING IS UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE

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REMODELING AN EARLY VISIT BY THE SECURITY EXPERT

IS ADVISABLE. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAS ACCEPTED
OUR OFFER WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM, EXPRESSING THE APPRE-
CIATION OF THE GOP FOR SUCH USG COOPERATION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE TENTATIVE DATES
FOR TDY BY AN FAA SECURITY OFFICIAL, TOGETHER WITH
BIO DATA. UPON RECEIPT, EMBASSY WILL WORK OUT WITH
GOP OFFICIALS A FIRM PROGRAM. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT
THE FAA OFFICIAL HAVE SPANISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY.
SHOULD THAT NOT BE POSSIBLE WE SHALL FURNISH INTERPRETER
TO ASSURE THAT VISIT WILL BE OF MAXIMUM VALUE.
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